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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 29, 2014.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN J. DUNCAN, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2014, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 1 hour and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

HONORING W. RONALD COALE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. MCNERNEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of my friend, W. Ronald Coale, who passed away on April 17, 2014.

Ron was a native of Stockton, California. He went to local schools, graduated from Stockton College, and acquired a teaching certificate in the field of transportation and distribution from the University of California at Berkeley. Dedicated to his country,

Ron was a veteran of the Korean war, serving in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954.

His life was dedicated to serving the community in a variety of jobs, including as a member of the Stockton Metropolitan Transit District Board of Directors; Stockton City Council, serving as vice mayor in 1985; San Joaquin County Council of Governments; California Public Utility Commission; Stockton Port District Board of Port Commissioners.

Appointed by the Stockton City Council to the Board of Port Commissioners in 1991, Ron served with distinction as the commissioner for 20 years. During his tenure on the Stockton Port Commission, Ron's leadership was apparent from the onset, and in the year 2000 he helped the Port of Stockton secure Rough and Ready Island from the United States Navy.

By acquiring Rough and Ready Island, the Port of Stockton became the third largest port in California, the largest inland port in terms of acreage in California, and the second busiest inland port on the west coast. This allowed the Port of Stockton to better serve California's expanding agriculture industry, and is essential given its proximity to major transportation hubs in the State.

Ron also served on various boards and commissions at the State and local levels in California. He was a former member of the advisory board of the YMCA of San Joaquin County, a member of the Stockton Salvation Army, and a former gubernatorial appointee to the Atascadero State Hospital Advisory Board. In these roles, Ron helped to reach our youth and help those in need.

As a veteran, Ron was a member of Karl Ross Post of the American Legion in Stockton. He was a member of my U.S. service academy nomination committee. His knowledge and expertise was invaluable to the young men and

women who are joining our Armed Forces. Ron was also a frequent visitor to my Stockton district office, and he knew my entire staff, and we appreciated him.

Ron was a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, the highest degree for a mason. He was appointed to the office of Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of California for the Stockton Scottish Rite in April 1992, serving in that position until May 2003.

He was instrumental in partnering the Stockton Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Center and the speech and language department of the University of the Pacific. Throughout his partnership, the Stockton Center became a flagship for all Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Centers in California, providing speech therapy treatment to children throughout our community. This center now serves approximately 100 children each week free of charge.

Ron's impact on our community and lives around him will not be forgotten. Ron always brought a smile and a warm sense of humor. To know Ron was to know a dear friend. He was one of Stockton's most dedicated citizens, and we will miss him.

Ron was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Mary Ellen Coale. Ron is survived by his two sons, Ronald W. and Michael W., and five grandchildren: Ronald Thomas, Stephanie Lynn, Christopher Aaron, Jeffrey Michael, and Tyler Joseph Coale.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. Speaker, last week as I traveled my State, over and over again people encouraged me with a simple statement, "I pray for you."

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